

**Note 2:** *There is no fixed time period for persons eligible under REAP to use this benefit. There is one exception: If a member is separated from the Ready Reserve for a disability which was not the result of the member's own willful misconduct, he or she is entitled to REAP benefits for 10 years after the date of eligibility.*

### How Do I Apply?

#### **Printed Form**

You can obtain the printed application form and mail it to VA. You can get the printed form in several ways:

- Go to [www.GIBILL.VA.GOV](http://www.GIBILL.VA.GOV) Click on **Education Forms** and download VA Form 22-1990. Print "**Chapter 1607**" on the top of the VA Form.
- You may be able to pick up the application from the **school or training facility** you're attending.
- Send us an e-mail. Go to [www.GIBILL.VA.GOV](http://www.GIBILL.VA.GOV) and click on **Ask a Question and Find Answers**.

#### **Apply On-Line**

- Go to [www.GIBILL.VA.GOV](http://www.GIBILL.VA.GOV) and click on **Electronic Application**. Follow the instructions on the web site. You must print the signature page and send it to VA, since we need your original signature to begin payments. Print "**Chapter 1607**" on the top of the signature page to allow us to identify this program.
- If you're on active duty, your Education Services Officer must also sign your application.

Visit [www.GIBILL.VA.GOV](http://www.GIBILL.VA.GOV) for up-to-date information on this and other education benefits.

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## **Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)**

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### What is REAP?

REAP (Chapter 1607 of title 10, U.S. Code) is a new benefit providing educational assistance to members of the reserve components - Selected Reserve (Sel Res) and Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) - who are called or ordered to active service in response to a war or national emergency, as declared by the President or Congress.

The "reserve components" consist of Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army IRR, Air Force IRR, Navy IRR and Marine Corps IRR.

"Active Service" is service on active duty or full-time National Guard duty.

### Who is Eligible?

Eligibility will be determined by the Department of Defense (DoD) or Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as appropriate. Generally, a

member of a reserve component who serves on active duty on or after September 11, 2001 under title 10, U.S.C., for at least 90 consecutive days under a contingency operation is eligible for REAP. **Note:** "Contingency operation" means the current Iraq or Afghanistan operations and may include other operations.

National Guard members are eligible if their active service extends for 90 consecutive days or more and their service is:

- authorized under section 502(f), title 32, U.S.C.,
- authorized by the President or Secretary of Defense for a national emergency, and
- supported by federal funds.

### What if I am Injured before 90 days?

Disabled members who are injured or have an illness or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty and are released from active service before completing 90 consecutive days are also eligible.

### When is REAP Effective?

REAP benefits are **potentially** payable from December 9, 2001 for persons who were serving in a contingency operation on September 11, 2001, and who were in school on December 9, 2001.

### How Much Will I Receive Under REAP?

The educational assistance allowance payable under REAP is a percentage of the Montgomery GI BILL-Active Duty rate based on the number of continuous days served on active duty. Persons released before 90 days for a disability receive the 40% rate. The current full-time rate in the following table is the rate for full-time institutional training under REAP.

Member Serves	% of 3 Yr. Rate	Monthly Full-Time Rate as of Oct. 2005
90 days but less than 1 yr.	40%	\$413.60
1 yr. but less than 2 yrs.	60%	\$620.40
2 or more continuous yrs.	80%	\$827.20

Reduced rates will apply for correspondence, apprenticeship/OJT, and some additional types of training.

### How Many Months of Assistance Can I Receive?

The number of months of entitlement under REAP is 36 months. A person could earn 36 months of entitlement after serving the minimum 90 days. The 48-month limitation when combining two or more education programs applies to REAP.

### What Training Can I Take?

Approved training under REAP includes graduate and undergraduate degrees, vocational/technical training, on-the-job or apprenticeship training, correspondence training, and flight training.

### How Long am I Eligible for REAP?

A member called or ordered to active service while serving in the Selected Reserve remains entitled to benefits under REAP only by continuing to serve in the Selected Reserve. A member called or ordered to active service from the IRR remains entitled to benefits under REAP by continuing to serve in the Ready Reserve (either SELRES or IRR).

**Note 1:** A member who is called-up from the Selected Reserve would not remain eligible for REAP if the member goes into the Individual Ready Reserve. The Selected Reserve member must remain in the Selected Reserve to maintain eligibility for REAP.